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Dear Mr. Evans,

Thank you for your letter of December 1. I am about to leave and appreciate knowing I do not have to keep the night of the 11th open.

Your reason for not wanting to do the show by phone is not real, and I wonder if it is because you have never done it before. I have done this regularly, with perhaps a dozen CBS stations alone. Did one this week for a Florida station. It worked so well they're going to repeat. In a sense, the use of the phone adds interest (like the masked singer bit) and dimension, for listeners readily understand that it makes possible what otherwise might not be. If this is your reason, that you think it does not work, or if it is that you fear it nothaving done it before, let me suggest that you phone Paul Fanning, producer for Jerry Williams at WBEM. I think I have done such shows for them at least three times and possibly four. Ditto for Harv Morgan, KCBS, San Francisco, where I have done not fewer that four shows, several of which ran three hours. In fact, I can recall once when Harv had a sore throat he phoned me and I did most of his show for him by phone, from accross the entire continent.

I regret it also because I think there is much good that could come of any exchange between Dallas citizens and me. If you are familiar with what I have written, say and think, perhaps you will understand this. Also, I believe the oppressive feeling of guilt that I am told hangs over could be considerably mitigated in several ways: first if the people know that those who say the official account of the assassination is false also do not believe the city can be blamed, and second, by telling something of the involvement of another city-not all the people, not the government, just a very small part of the people in New Orleans, a tiny fraction.

Unfortunately, the "scavenging" bit is phoney. With the exception of Lane, none of us has shown a profit. I am deep in debt. I have a small publisher for my New Orleans book and he can afford but little promotional expenditure. I think you can realize that if the book is available in Dallas (and it is only to a very limited degree in New Orleans!), a sale much greater than radio exposure could account for would not begin to repay the cost of the trip.

However, I do very much appreciate your invitation. If it is ever possible to accept it, as, for example, when I am not far away or flying from coast to coast (as I plan to do in February), I certainly willxx ask for the rain check. My recent trip to the coast was so well received that before I left I was getting return invitations from universities and TV and radio stations. I do have a firm date for February 3.

Meanwhile, should you change your mind, I'll be spending next week working in New Orleans. You can then reach me through Jim Garrison's office, 504/822-2414.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg